

The worst feature of the whole book is the index. If you want to see the author's suggestions as to an examination of the knee joint, you of course will expect to find something under "knee," but you will be badly mistaken. You will have to look up three pages under the head "X-Rays," and with patience and perseverance you will find X-Rays as a diagnostic agent in diseases of the joints (pp. 282-285), or X-Rays as a diagnostic agent in fractures and dislocations (pp. 258-270), and especially when you are in a hurry it will be a great comfort to you that you might find something on the subject by reading over sixteen pages in your textbook.

We certainly appreciate the energy and industry of the author displayed in the collection of a vast amount of material, but we are strongly under the impression that he has stopped where he should have only begun.

The rapid development of Roentgenology within the last year, the introduction of the multiple anode, Wehnelt interrupter for instantaneous work, the perfection of the alternating transformers with synchron current rectifiers by Koch, and their improvement by Snook, the introduction of greatly improved mercury interrupters has entirely revolutionized the field, and if a new edition of the work should become necessary, the author will do well to do away with all the ballast he is carrying now and to take his course more straightforward towards the destination. The illustrations contained in the book, so far as they are reproductions of X-Ray plates, need only to be compared with those of the "Forschritte des Roentgenesens" and other German papers to show the absolute insufficiency of the so-called "half-tone" process, which has been used by the publisher of K's book. The plates may have been perfect, but the reproductions give but a very faint idea of the original and its merits.

## COUNTY SOCIETIES

### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Stockton, Cal., April 30, 1909.

The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society met at the home of Dr. Peterson with the President, Dr. Hull, in the chair, and the following members present: Drs. Hull, Hoisholt, Langdon, Tower, H. N. Cross, Sander-son, Hopkins, Smyth, Fitzgerald, Peterson, Harry, Walker and E. A. Arthur.

The minutes of the last regular and call meeting of the Society were read and approved. The committee on ethics reported that their attention had been called to the fact that Dr. Blackmun accepted the position as examiner for the New York Life Insurance Co. without the company agreeing to the \$5.00 rate. The committee thereupon called upon Dr. Blackmun, explaining the position of the Society in the matter, the doctor refusing to resign as examiner, but instead exhibited a letter from the local agent who personally guaranteed \$5.00 for each examination and also promising that he would resign in favor of Dr. Fitzgerald if he, Dr. Fitzgerald, would take the examination at \$3.00. This being unsatisfactory to the committee, they moved that Dr. Blackmun be expelled from the Society, and that no member of this Society be allowed to counsel with the doctor under penalty of expulsion from the Society. Carried.

The committee on incorporation reported favorably. It was moved, seconded and carried that the action on the subject of incorporation be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Society and that the Secretary inform all members the object of the meeting and request their attendance. Dr. Arthur reported that he had secured the signature of most of the members of the Society to the resolution lately presented the Board of Supervisors and it

was again presented to the said board. Moved that a committee of five be appointed to confer with the Board of Supervisors and obscure the above resolution. Carried. The Chair appointed the following: Drs. Arthur, Hoisholt, Harry, Fitzgerald and Harbert.

A communication was read from Dr. Jones regarding the movement for the prevention of venereal diseases. It was moved that the communication be laid upon the table for further action. Carried.

Dr. Tower read a paper on Trichinosis, giving the history of four cases in detail, which was found to be one of the most interesting papers the Society has recently listened to. The doctor also exhibited microscopical slides showing the *Spirilla trichinosis*.

It was moved that the Chair appoint a committee of three to formulate a letter and also arrange, if possible, to appear before the various labor organizations regarding members of such organizations calling any physician who accepts practice for a fee less than that adopted by the San Joaquin County Medical Society. Carried. The Chair appointed the following: Drs. Walker, Cross and Peterson.

It was moved and seconded that the President and Secretary be authorized to consult with the merchants' association regarding the suggestion of an ordinance prohibiting the practice of itinerant physicians. Carried.

B. F. WALKER, Secretary.

### SONOMA COUNTY.

The Sonoma County Medical Society met in Dr. Huffman's office, Healdsburg, May 7th, '09. The attendance was small but we had a good meeting, and elected Drs. Frederick Leix, Sonoma, and Marion B. McAulay, Petaluma, members of our Society. We have 51 members. Dr. J. Walter Seawell exhibited a specimen of carcinoma of sigmoid flexure, giving history of case; also related the birth of two children in his practice within a month of each other interuteroamputation of arm at elbow and armless child. Neither child lived.

Dr. W. J. Kerr related the case of tapeworm in stomach of a 19-year-old young lady that was vomited up, but the girl failed in health, vomiting so often—finally after about six weeks she died of exhaustion.

G. W. MALLORY, Secretary.

### SONOMA COUNTY.

The regular meeting of the Sonoma County Medical Society for June was held Friday, June 4th, at the County Hospital, and the following were present:

Dr. W. J. Kerr, President, presiding; Drs. G. W. Mallory, Secretary; C. H. Thompson, F. O. Pryor, E. M. Yates, J. W. Scamell, S. S. Bogle, J. W. Clark and P. A. Meneray.

Visitors: Drs. Ethan H. Smith, San Francisco, and E. E. Briggs, Watsonville.

Dr. S. S. Bogle showed a case, a man 45 years old, who had had an omental hernia. Dr. Bogle had removed about 100 cubic inches of the thickened omentum, and the patient was about well in one month afterwards. Now the patient says at time he feels a little pain about the pelvis, yet he works all the time. Dr. Bogle took us through the wards. Dr. Ethan H. Smith of San Francisco was introduced and exhibited a patient four years old, girl, double congenital dislocation of hips, also Radiographs, before and after operation, by the Hoyer method. The child had good use of its legs, the head is in the acetabula on both sides. Dr. Smith gave an excellent talk on the operation and also on the subject. The next meeting will be in Sebastopol, July 2, 1909.

G. W. MALLORY, Secretary.